Formulation prices of Ethambutol

1907. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the production of each of the four producers of Ethambutol covered in the notification deted the 17th August, 1988, during the last four years, yearwise;

(b) what is the bulk drug price of Ethambutol on which formulation prices have been fixed alongwith the prices fixed for each strength and pack of Ethambutol;

(c) whether it is also a fact that over and above the bulk drug notified price, additional 8 per cent incidental was allowed;

(d) if so, on what basis 8 per cent extra have been allowed;

(e) whether it is a fact that the market price of Ethambutol is much lower than the notified price; and

(f) what was the sales realisation of Ethambutol of each of the producer before the price was revised and what is the seles realisation at present?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The required details to the extent available are given in the enclosed statement (See below)

(b) The prices fixed for various Ethambutol formulations after 17-8-1988 are based on the notified price of Rs. 759/-kg for bulk drug Ethambutol.

(c) to (e) Incidental charges @ 8 per cent are generally allowed over the notified prices of the bulk drug concerned, in cases of formulations containing price controlled bulk drugs.

(f) Sales turn over of individual bulk drugs of various companies is not monitored.

Statement

S. No.	Name of Unit	Production (Unit: MT)			
		1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-6
1	Themis Chemicals	37.68	49.65	52 38	30. 40
2	Cadila Labs.	6 54	23.66	23.93	30.40
3	Lupin Labs.	33.90	55.76	118 60	221.90
4	Aarti P-chemicals	14·70	24.11	39.77	22. 50

Drugs prices review committee

@1908. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4223 given in Rajya Sabha on 31st August, 1988 and state:

(a) what was the total number of meetings held of Drugs Prices Review Committee during last two years;

(b) how many meetings of the committee were attended by Drugs Controller (India);

(c) whether it is a fact that still prices of number of finished medicines covered under category-I have not been fixed as per revised MAPE and current bulk drug prices;

(d) when and what price was fixed for rehydration salts, Rifampicin plus INH plus Vitamin B6, Pyramethamine plus sulphas, Pyrazinamide 750mg and one gram pack;

@Previously unstarred question 1485, transferred from the 22nd November, 1988.

(e) what price was recommended by the committee and when the notification was issued;

(f) whether it is a fact that the formulators were overcharging the prices of Rifampicin plus INH before 18th August, 1988 the date of notification of price; and

(g) if so, what action was suggested against the companies?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (g) The required details to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Manufacture of Vitamin A

@@1909. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that we do not have the technical know-how for manufacture of Vitamin A in the country and are importing it for use as antidote for prespective blindness among our people; and

(b) if so, what is the foreign party from where we are buying the material, the quantity thereof, and the price year-wise from 1985—88?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir. Vitamin A is being produced in the country from the basic stage. Though production has been increasing over the years, it has not been sufficient to meet the demand resulting in imports.

(b) Details of imports such as quantity, cif prices etc. are published in the Monthly Statistics for Foreign Trade in India, Vol. II, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

@@Previously unstarred question 1542 transferred from the 22nd November, 1988.

Manufacure of oil platforms at Mazagon dock

@@@1910. SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mazagon Dock is well equipped to manufacture oil platforms;

(b) whether orders are being placed with foreign firms for the same;

(c) if so, the number of such orders placed during the Seventh Five Year Plan period with cost; and

(d) the reasons for ignoring the Mazagon Dock facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes Sir, but they need assistance in areas like detailed design, installation etc.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. During the 7th plan period, ONGC have placed orders for 16 well platforms and 7 process platform on foreign firms at an approximate cost of Rs. 1186 crores.

(d) So far MDL have fabricated 33 well platforms, 3 process platforms and one jacket of process platform for ONGC. In addition they are now fabricating 9 well platforms and 2 jackets of well platforms. Thus it is not correct to say that MDL has been ignored by ONGC.

Prices of oxytetracycline formulations

1911. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3657 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Pfizer continued to charge prices which

@@@Previously unstarred question 1453, transferred from the 22nd November, 1988.